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1. In August 1951 the subsidiary factory of the Moravian-Silesian Electrotechnical Works, National Corporation, (Moravskoslezske Elektrotechnicke Zavody)- MEZ) in Vsetin (P50/043), employed about 2,000 workers, of whom approximately 30 percent were women. No Russians were observed in the factory.

2. The factory, which was formerly the J. Sousedik factory, specializes in the manufacture of small electric motors. Individual parts for the motors are manufactured in the factory; only raw materials and semi-finished products are obtained from other Czechoslovak factories; for example, profile iron from the United Steel Works in Kladno (N51/L59), castings from Svit in Gottwaldov (P50/021), copper from Slovakia and cable from Kablo in Bratislava (P49/X99).

2. Exact production figures of the MEZ factory in Vsetin are not known, but three to four carloads of finished products are shipped per day. In 1950 the factory fulfilled 90 percent of its planned production under the Five Year Plan. Two employees, Bubela and Zizala, were awarded the "President Gottwald State Prize" for their improvements of grinding techniques. As of August 1951, approximately 80 percent of the total production was being delivered to the USSR, the rest to Soviet satellites, mainly to Hungary and Poland.

4. The factory workshop is constantly being enlarged, and in August 1951 a new boiler house and power station were under construction. The former subsidiary workshop of Kablo, situated on the opposite bank of the Becva River, forms a part of the MEZ Vsetin factory. The Kablo foundry furnishes part of the necessary castings, and it is planned to stop deliveries from Svit after the reconstruction of the Kablo factory.

5. The Workshop Militia of the MEZ Vsetin factory consists of about 80 members, including women telephone operators, etc. The militia drills frequently in the factory yard with rifles or automatic guns. The Workshop Security Guard consists of about 15 members who stand guard in shifts.

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2. The following is a partial list of the leading factory personnel:

Workshop Manager	Karel Moudry, age 50; 165 cm. tall, an ardent Communist since the First Republic.
Political Secretary	Gustav Orsak, age 38; 165 cm. tall; an ardent Communist; a member of the Workshop Militia since the beginning of 1951.
Chief of Plans	Rohac, age 32; 178 cm. tall; a mild Communist.
Production Manager	Jan Martinak, age 34; 180 cm. tall; a Communist; production has increased since he took over the management in January 1951.
Workshop Superintendent	Petran, age 45; 175 cm. tall; a Communist profiteer.
Chief Bookkeeper	Strnad, age 50; 175 cm. tall.
Chief of Purchasing Department	Frantisek Chovancik, age 38; 150 cm. tall.
[redacted]	Rohan, age about 45; 180 cm. tall.
Superintendent of the Boilerhouse	Martinek, age 52; 175 cm. tall.
Security Officer	Frantisek Dobes, age 40; 175 cm. tall; an ardent Communist; teaches political education and Russian language at the factory.

Attachment: Diagram showing location of MEZ factory in Vsetin.

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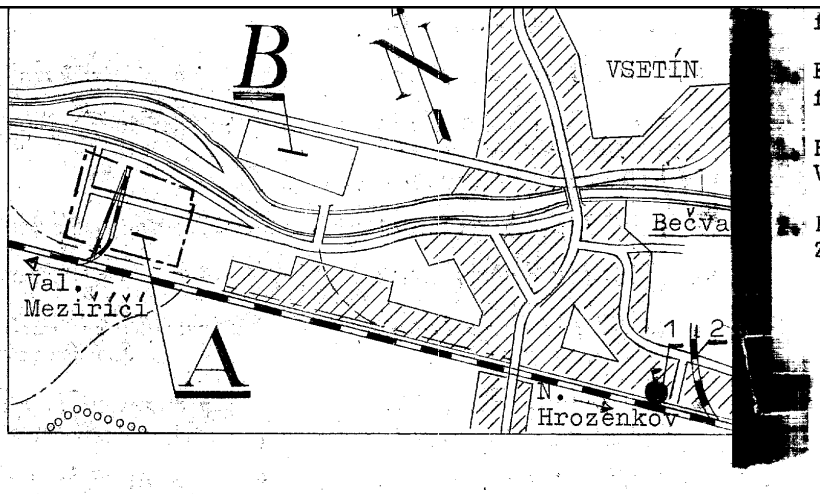

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Factory MEZ, formerly Kablo

Railway station Vsetin

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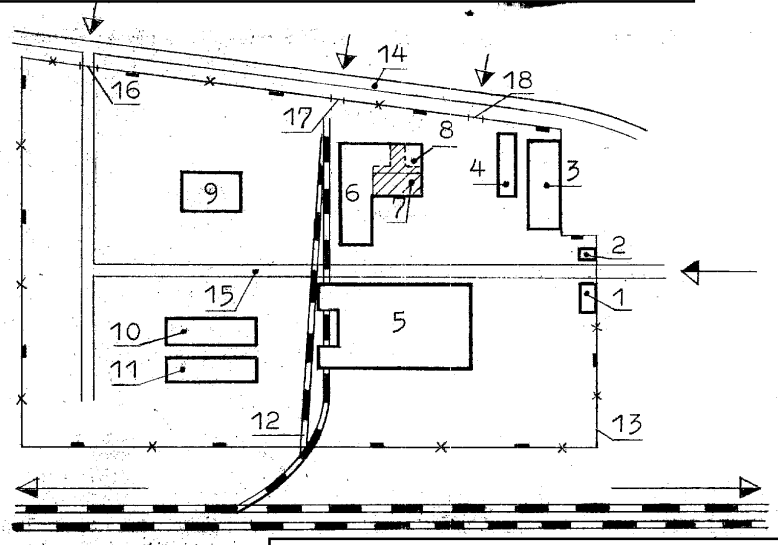

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1, 2. Main guardroom

3. Workshop kitchen, office of Workshop Council

4. Store of chemicals (varnishes, petroleum etc.)

5. Manufacture and assembly of electric motors

6. Press room, welding room

7. Basement: Store of metals; State reserve of copper
Ground floor: Testing and control of electric motors
Second Floor: Calculating offices, booking office
Third Floor: Manager's office, planning department, teletype, etc.

8. Repair of damaged electric motors

9. New boiler house and power station under construction

10. Warehouse and preparation of material

11. Store of switches

12. Factory railroad

13. Wire fence

14. Old road into factory

15. Main factory road

16-18. Side gates

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